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**Now-a-Days.**

Alas! how everything has changed  
Since I was sweet sixteen,  
When all the girls were homespun frocks,  
And aprons nice and clean,  
With bonnets made of braided straw,  
That tied beneath the chin,  
The shawl laid neatly on the neck,  
And fastened with a pin.  
I recollect the time when I  
Rode father's horse to mill,  
Across the meadow, rocks and field,  
And up and down the hill;  
And when "our folks" were out at work,  
(It never made me thinner.)  
I jumped upon a horse, bare-back,  
And carried them their dinner.  
Dear me! young ladies now-a-days  
Would almost faint away  
To think of riding all alone  
In wagon, chaise, or sleigh;  
And as for giving "pa" his meals,  
Or helping "ma" to bake,  
Oh, dear! 'twould spoil their lily hands,  
Though sometimes they make cake.  
When winter came, the maiden's heart  
Began to beat and flutter;  
Each beau would take his sweetheart out  
Sleigh-riding in a cutter;  
Or, if the storm was bleak and cold,  
The girls and beaux together  
Would meet, and have the best of fun,  
And "never mind the weather."  
But now, indeed, it grieves me much,  
The circumstance to mention,  
However kind the young man's heart,  
And honest his intention,  
He never asks the girls to ride,  
But such a man is caged;  
And if he sees her once a week,  
Why, surely, "they're engaged!"  
**A Dinner and a Kiss.**  
"I have brought you your dinner, father,"  
The Blacksmith's daughter said,  
As she took from her apron the kettle  
And lifted its shining lid.  
"There is not any pie or pudding,  
So I will give you this,"  
And upon his forehead she laid  
She left a childish kiss.  
The Blacksmith took off his apron,  
And dined in happy mood,  
Wondering much the better  
Hid in his humble food;  
While all about him were visions  
Full of prophetic bliss,  
He never thought of the magic  
In his little daughter's kiss.  
While she with her kettle swinging  
Merrily tramped away,  
Stopping at sight of a squirrel,  
Catching some wild bird's lay;  
And I thought how many a shadow  
Of life and fate we would miss,  
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**ALMOST UNHEARD OF CRUELTY.**  
Roasting a Child by a Black Fiend.

We have read during the past year of cases of demonic cruelty, the details of which were almost too monstrous and sickening for human credulity. Never till the case below has such an exhibition of slow, tortuous and systematic child murder been brought to light in our State. At the present term of the Criminal Court at Knoxville a negro woman was tried for the murder of her child. The verdict of "murder in the first degree without mitigating circumstances," found by the jury, furnishes some of the most sickening details of cruelty. One witness testified that the child was tied up in a bag and confined in the chimney near the fire until nearly suffocated, then placed in front of the fire until the flesh on its back was literally roasted. Afterwards it was left to run without clothing (the burns were so sore that it could not bear clothing on its back) until its sores became inflamed and death put an end to its sufferings. Other witnesses testified to the systematic cruelty with which this woman habitually treated the child. The horrible barbarity with which the more abandoned of the colored people treat little children, oftentimes their own, calls loudly for reform.

A new trial has been granted in this case, but it is to be hoped that this woman may not escape the punishment she deserves. Too little concern has heretofore been given to affairs of this kind.

**Scott's Literary Courage.**  
From Harper's Magazine for September.  
The literary courage of Scott, and his conceded indifference to fame for his own sake, is well illustrated in his reply to a dear friend, who, after the assured success of "Marnion," cautioned him against attempting the "Lady of the Lake."

"Do not be rash," she said, "you are already popular, more so perhaps than you yourself will believe, or than even I or other partial friends can fairly allow to your merit. You stand high, do not rashly attempt to stand higher, and incur the risk of a fall; for depend upon it, a favorite will not even be permitted to stumble with impunity."

To which Scott replied in the words of Montrose:  
"He either fears his fate too much,  
Or his deserts are small,  
Who fears to put it to the touch  
To win or lose it all."  
"If I fail," he continued, it is a sign that I ought never to have succeeded, and I will write prose for life; you shall see no change in my temper, nor will I eat a single meal the worse."

Yet he felt the excellent judgment of the true and friendly warning.  
He was glad of his fame, enjoyed it simply and naturally, was healthy, not inordinately proud of it. He made use of it. It brought him acquaintances, associations, and facilities that he greatly desired. He made much money with it, and generous use of his money; but without depending not upon his fame for any deep comfort or lasting joy, and never forgot its instability, its way of forsaking merit for ill desert, of passing from any possessor at any time, asking no leave for its errand.

**Another Radical Fraud.**  
It has been whispered about for several days that another immense Radical swindle has been discovered in Pennsylvania. A very large amount was paid by the General Government to the agents of the State of Pennsylvania for expenditures of the State during the war, in assisting the Government in carrying on the war. Special telegrams from Washington, one of which we find in the Louisville Ledger, show that there has been developed a piece of financial corruption in Pennsylvania which promises to seriously embarrass the Republican party at the approaching election in that State. Several parties belonging to the Attorney General's Department there have been in Washington for the last day or two for the purpose of procuring information to prosecute one Evans for alleged defalcations, which amount to about \$80,000, this sum being misappropriated by Evans from certain monies paid him by the Treasury Department in liquidation of the Pennsylvania war claims.

It charged that portions of this money have been spent to further the political interests of Governor Geary, who gave Evans his present position, and that some of the leading Republican newspapers, including Forney's Press, have shared in this plunder to a large extent.

The Radicals in Washington and in Pennsylvania are exceedingly alarmed at the impression the developments of the mammoth fraud are working, and they will use every effort in their power to hush this case up, but inasmuch as Geary has a great many enemies in his own party, and is not in particular favor with the administration, it is not thought that these efforts will succeed.

**Radical Newspaper War.**  
The Times is again accusing the Tammany Republicans with seeking the disruption of the Republican party. It charges that the Tribune is publishing accounts of the county in the interest of the Tammany ring; that the bolting Tribune has contributed to the election of men pledged to the support of the ring. The Tribune declares the Times guilty of untruthfulness, and says it wants to arrogate to itself the war against robbing the city treasury, which the Tribune is carrying on now, as it has been heretofore.

We have it upon reliable information, says the Cartersville (Ga.) Express, that there is a young lady in Cherokee county who frequently takes evening rides upon horseback with a large buck nigger for a gallant! That young lady is the daughter of Gov. Bullock's superintendent, who runs the splendid farm of his excellency in the county aforesaid.

**Tennessee's Necessity.**  
Under the above caption the New York Commercial has a leading editorial devoted to Tennessee and the necessity of an influx of immigrants to help develop her resources, which is so truthful a representation of Tennessee's inviting advantages to the immigrant as to justify us in copying it entire. It is as follows:

The great want of Tennessee, according to its own men, and also in the opinion of those who have visited that State, is immigration. In Europe but little is known of the resources and capabilities of Tennessee, while full information in regard to the soil, climate, productions and improvements of most of the Western States is at command, especially in Great Britain and Germany. Appreciating the advantages to their communities of a steady stream of immigration, the people of the Western States have worked to the same end, and have appropriated money and established agents in Europe to furnish all necessary information to intending emigrants. Statements of this character are scattered all over Europe, in one shape or another, without cost. The expense of this work is counted as nothing in comparison with the resulting benefits. Tennessee, on the other hand, is just awakening from lethargy, and now, for the first time, invites immigration. She needs new blood, and immigration would doubtless tend that way if the resources of the State and the advantages of its position were more generally known in Europe. Already a movement has been made to meet this want, and the public journals are calling upon the authorities to make appropriations for that purpose. About one-half of the soil of Tennessee has never been cultivated. The State abounds in natural advantages for mining, manufacturing and agriculture, and in some respects offers superior attractions to the Europeans seeking new homes. The State may yet compete with the west in the immigration market.

The Banner comments on the above as follows:  
As the very first journal of influence at the North to manifest enough interest in this great State's development, to make even so much as an allusion to its vast industrial resources, the Commercial deserves and it will receive the hearty thanks of all our people. The Northern dailies and monthly magazines have devoted considerable space to Virginia, as if that was the only Southern State worthy of consideration, while Tennessee, with vastly superior attractions in climate, soil and productions, to say nothing of the infinite superiority of its railroad system and water transportation facilities, has been studiously ignored. Such articles as the one quoted, in Northern journals, are of great benefit to our State, which, as the Commercial truthfully avers, is at length beginning to awake to the realization of keeping pace with the great West in industrial immigration. Organizations for the purpose are forming all over the State, and a central organ has been established at the State capital, which, if properly encouraged, is capable of accomplishing great results beneficial to the commerce of Tennessee. We thank the Commercial on behalf of our people for the interest it is manifesting in our State.

**All's Fair in Love and War.**  
Our friend Blucher, up at Virginia, is smart. Finding, as he suspected, that he had sundry rivals in a certain young lady's affections, he concluded to freeze them out at once swoop. So a few days ago, when Yellow Jacket was up to \$90 per share, he visited the fair one and delighted her with a generous present of ten shares of that stock, confidently remarking to her as follows: "Now, darling, you just hold on to this a few days. Its now up, and it's going up to a big figure. I'm on the inside and know all about it. Hold on to it and it will make your fortune." Just exactly as expected she told her friends—his rivals. They got excited and all went for Yellow Jacket. They even pawned their watches and jewelry, and borrowed all they could, buying Yellow Jacket at 30 days margin, and having to put up 25 per cent. of course. Jacket is now down below their margin, and those rivals are now burst out. No show for them now, and Blucher enjoys love and revenge alone.

**Mrs. Gen. Lee.**  
A letter from the Rockbridge Baths, speaking of Mrs. Gen. Lee, who is a visitor there, says:  
Mrs. Lee has won the hearts of all. She has a cheerful word for every one. Though seeking relief from a chronic malady, she forgets her own ills, and visits in her wheel chair the sick, and ministers by pleasant words of advice and encouragement to all. Bishop Leighton said, on returning from some impressive scene, that "he had met a sermon in the street." The serene faith and active benevolence of this noble lady touches the heart beyond all pulpit oratory.

The Atlanta (Ga.) Constitution, speaking of recent discoveries of Radical villainy in that city, says "cases already discovered fully indicate how over six millions of dollars was spent on the State road in two years, though the details may never be ferreted out." The Savannah (Ga.) News, commenting on the above, asks the following question: "Can it not be ascertained how much of the State road funds were invested in the Kimball Hotel?"

A writer in the New York Tribune thinks that one man or woman writes all the letters in all the papers or all the watering places, as they are all alike  
"Give the Devil his dues" reads well enough in a proverb, but what would become of you and me if this arrangement is carried out.